--- 1/4th Pound - "Series of 1883" - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed in green ink on wove paper - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

John McKay records that 39,330 *lithographed* and 568,820 hand press *recess printed* copies of "1/4 lb. Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). Since McKay separately lists 110,000 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. Green Twist (old)" and 200,000 *recess printed* by hand press copies of "1/4 lb. Green Twist (new)", the former 39,330 *lithographed* strips must be from the "Series of 1880-81".

Next John McKay records that 2,500 *lithographed* copies, plus 23,250 *recess printed* by hand press copies, and 74,250 *recess printed* by rotary press copies of "1/4 Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). I would think that the 2,500 *lithographed* copies were from the "Series of 1880-81" and were delivered for destruction in the summer of 1887.

Lastly John McKay reports that 52,150 *recess printed* hand press copies of "1/4 lb. Green" tobacco were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These sheets had been prepared under the **5th BABN Contract** and had remained in BABN stock when they lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and printing of the "Series of 1897". The collection *does not* contain a copy. **WANTED!**

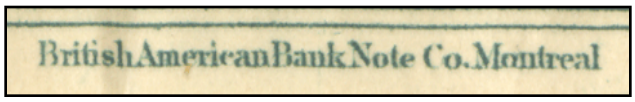
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	568,820 recess printed (hand press)	**000001** to **568820**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	23,250 recess printed (hand press)	**568821** to **592070**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	74,250 recess printed (rotary press)	**592071** to **666320**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	52,150 recess printed (hand press)	**666321** to **718470**
	718,470	

Chris Ryan in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 41, March 2003, states that the fractional pound green strips were added to the "Series of 1883" as the supply of "1880-81" green strips was exhausted. Judging by the McKay Report, the 1/4th pound green cut tobacco strip was not added prior to 1886.

The *horizontal mesh* strips are about 3 mm. longer than the *vertical mesh* strips or the plate proofs printed on heavy wove paper. I feel that the *horizontal mesh* paper stretches longitudinally during the recess printing process, or that the plate, when bent for rotary printing, increases slightly in length.

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound green "Series of 1883" strip as follows:

with the 26 mm "Montreal" imprint - scanned at 300% scale



RP-589 - 1/4th pound, green, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, 287 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls
RP-590 - 1/4th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 287 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls

with the 26 mm "Ottawa" imprint - scanned at 300% scale

RP-591 - 1/4th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 290 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls

Without an imprint

RP-592 - 1/4th pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh, *without* an imprint, 4 mm. blue controls - **WANTED!**

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-589 - perforated 12 - 287 x 20 mm design - with the 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - scanned at 55% scale ---

RP-589 - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control number **000900**,
Recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper - a 287 mm. design, with the 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint

RP-589 - 1/4th pound, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control **000991-92** - printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove

000114	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000160	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000176	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000642	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000670	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000682	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000771	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000794	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000822	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000832	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000876	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000900★	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000909★	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000933	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000972★	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
000991-92★	RP-589	1/4th pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, top of sheet pair, a mirror image **R 2**

--- Recess printed plate proof on vertical mesh wove paper ---

--- 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - 287 x 20 mm - scanned at 55% scale ---

1/4th pound, a plate proof on vertical mesh heavy wove,
287 x 20 mm. design length - with the 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - ***two copies***

The collection also contains ***a complete sheet of ten*** of the plate proof with the “Montreal” imprint, printed in dark green ink on heavy wove paper.

--- 1/4th Pound - “Series of 1883” - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* on wove paper with an indistinct horizontal mesh - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-591 - *coarse roulette* - 290 x 20 mm design - with the 26 mm. “Ottawa” imprint - scanned at 55% scale ---

The presence of the “Ottawa” imprint, mid-way through the control sequence, forms a problem. The “Montreal” imprint sheets were initially printed prior to the return to Ottawa in 1887. Then the “Ottawa” imprint plates were used. But the final control numbered strips have a “Montreal” imprint. Were these sheets stored away while the “Ottawa” imprint sheets were run and control numbered? The “Montreal” imprint plates were simply set aside, and finally used at a later date, when the “Ottawa” plates had become worn and the controversy had cooled?

Judging by the 4 mm. control numbers, this strip was printed in Montreal, using the new set of “Ottawa” plates.

RP-591 - 1/4th pound, coarse roulette, with 4 mm. control **478872**,
printed by *rotary press* on horizontal mesh wove, 290 x 20 mm. design - with the 26 mm. “Ottawa” imprint

478872★	RP-591	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove

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--- Recess printed by *hand press* on vertical mesh wove paper - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-590 - c*oarse roulette* - 287 x 20 mm design - 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - scanned at 55% scale ---

These seem to be remnant “Montreal” imprint strips probably printed under the **4th BABN Contract** (and thus prior to the preceding rotary press “Ottawa” imprint **RP-591** strips. Set aside when the “Ottawa” imprint strips were produced, they were finally numbered and given a *coarse roulette* separation under the **5th BABN Supplement**.

RP-590 - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **635016**

RP-590 - 1/4th pound, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **635045**
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

566344	RP-590	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
635010	RP-590	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
635016★	RP-590	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove
635005	RP-590 CP	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm violet Gothic letters
635045★	RP-590 CP	1/4th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm violet Gothic letters

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